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Applicant(s) claim small entity status (37 CFR 1.27).

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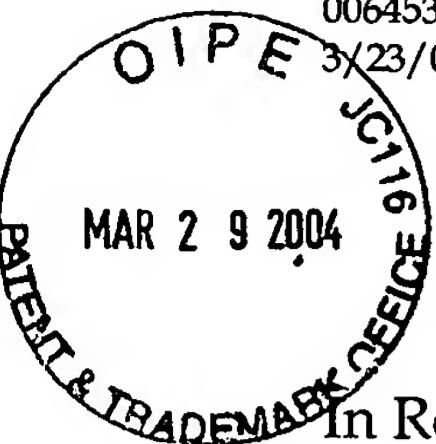
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CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.78

Sir or Madam:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.78, Applicants note that the above-identified patent application may be related to the following U.S. Patents and Patent Applications:

- (1) U.S. Patent Application No. 10/390,193, filed March 14, 2003, entitled, "IMAGE DATA GENERATION WITH REDUCED AMOUNT OF PROCESSING";
- (2) U.S. Patent Application No. 10/390,263, filed March 14, 2003, entitled, "IMAGE COMPRESSION DEVICE, IMAGE DECOMPRESSION DEVICE, IMAGE COMPRESSION/DECOMPRESSION DEVICE, PROGRAM FOR EXECUTING ON A COMPUTER TO PERFORM FUNCTIONS OF SUCH DEVICES, AND RECORDING MEDIUM STORING SUCH A PROGRAM;"
- (3) U.S. Patent Application No. 10/156,093, filed May 29, 2002, entitled, "IMAGE COMPRESSION APPARATUS, IMAGE DECOMPRESSION APPARATUS, IMAGE COMPRESSION METHOD, IMAGE

DECOMPRESSION METHOD, COMPUTER PROGRAM PRODUCT,
AND RECORDING MEDIUM;"

- (4) U.S. Patent Application No. 10/164,545, filed June 10, 2002, entitled, "IMAGE COMPRESSION METHOD AND APPARATUS, IMAGE EXPANSION METHOD AND APPARATUS, AND STORAGE MEDIUM;"
- (5) U.S. Patent Application No. 10/082,308, filed February 26, 2002, entitled "IMAGE PROCESSING SCHEME;"
- (6) U.S. Patent Application No. 10/102,633, filed March 22, 2002, entitled "IMAGE FORMATION UNIT AND IMAGE FORMATION APPARATUS;"
- (7) U.S. Patent Application No. 09/912,364, filed July 26, 2001, entitled "SYSTEM, METHOD AND COMPUTER ACCESSIBLE STORAGE MEDIUM FOR IMAGE PROCESSING;"
- (8) U.S. Patent Application No. 10/164,648, filed June 10, 2002, entitled "COORDINATE POSITION INPUTTING/DETECTING DEVICE, A METHOD FOR INPUTTING/DETECTING THE COORDINATE POSITION, AND A DISPLAY BOARD SYSTEM;"
- (9) U.S. Patent No. 6,421,042, issued July 16, 2002, entitled "COORDINATE POSITION INPUTTING/DETECTING DEVICE, A METHOD FOR INPUTTING/DETECTING THE COORDINATE POSITION, AND A DISPLAY BOARD SYSTEM;"
- (10) U.S. Patent No. 6,370,667, issued April 9, 2002, entitled, "CRC OPERATING CALCULATING METHOD AND CRC OPERATIONAL CALCULATION CIRCUIT;"
- (11) U.S. Patent No. 6,518,960, issued February 11, 2003, entitled, "ELECTRONIC BLACKBOARD SYSTEM;"
- (12) U.S. Patent No. 6,104,327, issued August 15, 2000, entitled, "INTERFACE CIRCUIT FOR SERIAL D-A CONVERTER;"

- (13) U.S. Patent No. 6,137,595, issued October 24, 2000, entitled, "COLOR CONVERSION PROCESSING METHOD FOR COLOR MATCHING AND A PROCESSOR READABLE MEDIUM STORING A PROGRAM FOR IMPLEMENTING THE COLOR CONVERSION PROCESSING METHOD;"
- (14) U.S. Patent No. 6,226,011, issued May 1, 2001, entitled, "COLOR CONVERSION METHOD FOR A COLOR MATCHING, A METHOD FOR EXPANDING A FUNCTION OF A PROGRAM MODULE AND A COLOR CONVERSION METHOD USING THE METHOD FOR EXPANDING A FUNCTION OF A PROGRAM MODULE;"
- (15) U.S. Patent No. 6,084,577, issued July 4, 2000, entitled, "PEN-SHAPED HANDWRITING INPUT APPARATUS USING ACCELEROMETERS AND GYROSCOPES AND AN ASSOCIATED OPERATIONAL DEVICE FOR DETERMINING PEN MOVEMENT;"
- (16) U.S. Patent No. 5,981,884, issued November 9, 1999, entitled, "PEN-SHAPED HANDWRITING INPUT APPARATUS USING ACCELEROMETERS AND GYROSCOPES AND AN ASSOCIATED OPERATIONAL DEVICE FOR DETERMINING PEN MOVEMENT;"
- (17) U.S. Patent No. 6,229,102, issued May 8, 2001, entitled, "PEN-SHAPED HANDWRITING INPUT APPARATUS USING ACCELEROMETERS AND GYROSCOPES AND AN ASSOCIATED OPERATIONAL DEVICE FOR DETERMINING PEN MOVEMENT;"
- (18) U.S. Patent No. 5,902,968, issued May 11, 1999, entitled, "PEN-SHAPED HANDWRITING INPUT APPARATUS USING ACCELEROMETERS AND GYROSCOPES AND AN ASSOCIATED OPERATIONAL DEVICE FOR DETERMINING PEN MOVEMENT;"
- (19) U.S. Patent No. 5,557,797, issued September 17, 1996, entitled, "SCHEDULING METHOD FOR AUTOMATICALLY DEVELOPING HARDWARE PATTERNS FOR INTEGRATED CIRCUITS;"



- (20) U.S. Patent Application No. 94-201,615, filed February 24, 1994, now abandoned
- (21) U.S. Patent No. 5,200,602, issued April 6, 1993, entitled, "DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICE OF CAMERA;"
- (22) U.S. Patent No. 5,249,013, issued September 28, 1993, entitled, "DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICE OF CAMERA;"
- (23) U.S. Patent No. 5,172,236, issued December 15, 1992, entitled, "ELECTRONIC PAN-FOCUSING APPARATUS FOR PRODUCING FOCUSED IMAGES INDEPENDENT OF DEPTH OF FIELD AND TYPE OF LENS;" and

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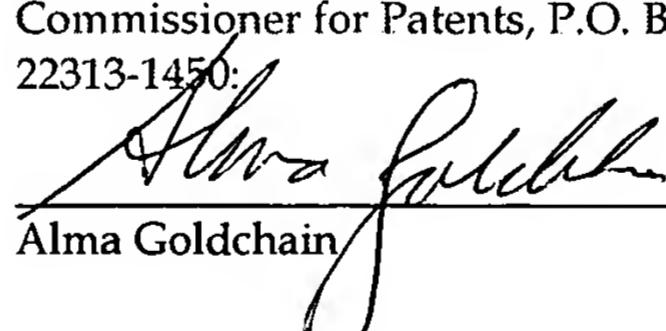
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